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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554 **JAN 1 5** 2003

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: PANHANDLE TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, INC.

Request for Dismissal Without Prejudice of Petition for Waiver of Section 20.18 of the Commission's Rules and the June 30,2002 Deadline for Compliance with 911 Text Telephone ("TTY") Obligations for Digital

Wireless Carriers. and

Final TTY Status Report - CC Docket No. 94-102

**Attention:** Mindy Littel – Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Patrick Forster – Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 28,2002, Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc. ("Panhandle") filed a request for waiver of Section 20.18 of the Commission's rules and the June 30, 2002 deadline for compliance with the 911 Text Telephone ("TTY") obligations for digital wireless carriers ("Petition"). The Petition remains pending before the Commission. Panhandle is now in compliance with Section 20.18 and the TTY obligations for digital wireless carriers. Accordingly, Panhandle respectfully requests that the Commission dismiss its Petition. A "Final TTY Status Report" is attached hereto for filing and demonstrates that Panhandle is now in compliance with the Commission's TTY rules.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions or concerns.

Terri Granison

Its Attorneys

cc: Blaise Scinto, Chief - Policy Division Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Pam Gregory - Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau

Attachment

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## Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc.

## FINAL OUARTERLY TTY STATUS REPORT

December 30,2002

1. Network infrastructure software development

Panhandle Telecommunication Systems Inc. utilizes Nortel Networks switch to provide TDMA digital wireless services in certain areas throughout its market. Nortel Networks has completed its development of software and product tests.

2. Handset development and testing plans

Panhandle Telecommunication Systems Inc. must rely on handset vendors to develop the required handsets. When handsets are available, testing can be performed with area PSAPs to insure compatibility.

3. Beta testing and lab testing

Panhandle Telecommunication Systems Inc. must rely on Nortel Networks and handset vendors for initial conformance testing.

4. Release and general availability to carriers of network infrastructure software

The required software load, MTX10, was deployed on  $\sqrt{2-23-200}$  The switch is in compliance.

5. Availability to carriers to full acceptance test units

Panhandle Telecommunication Systems Inc. understands that Nortel Networks has completed testing of its TTY solution. (See TDMA TTY/TDD Regulatory FAQ/RFI dated July 1,2002, submitted in the July 12,2002 TTY Forum Report, pp. 73-75 ("Nortel RFT"))

6. Efforts toward achieving digital wireless solution capability with enhanced TTY devices

The solution provided by the MTXIO software load addresses the Baudot type messages only. Panhandle Telecommunication Systems Inc. understands that Nortel plans to support new and evolved standards in next year's software releases. (See Nortel RFI)

## 7. Carrier coordination of testing with PSAP

See response to item 2 above

8. Carrier testing activities, including field testing, consumer end-to-end testing, and other necessary tests

**Panhandle Telecommunication Systems Inc.** will acquire compatible handsets when available, and test the service. Nortel Networks has performed preliminary testing within a lead customers line network. (See Nortel RFI)

9. Retail availability of necessary consumer equipment.

It is unknown when handsets will be available. **Panhandle Telecommunication Systems Inc.** understands that the MTXIO software is the only requirement for implementation. The company has not been informed of any required hardware changes.

10. Geographic scope of network infrastructure deployment

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Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Strecker

CEO